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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT: GVN ESTABLISHES EMBASSY IN JIDDA

1. NEWLY-APPOINTED GVN AMBASSADOR TO SAUDIA ARABIA, NGUYEN PHUOC DON, LEFT SAIGON FOR HIS POST JULY 4. IN TWO TO FOUR WEEKS AMB DON WILL BE JOINED BY 2ND SECRETARY NGUYEN THUAN KIET, WHO IS COMING FROM OSLO.

2. WE ASKED MFA DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS DIEM WHETHER OR NOT SAUDIS WOULD BE ESTABLISHING AN EMBASSY OR OTHER OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN SAIGON AND IF NOT, WHETHER THEY WOULD BE ACCREDITING A NEAR-BY AMBASSADOR TO THE GVN. HE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO IT. IF EMBASSY JIDDA LEARNS OF ANY SUCH ACTION ON PART OF SAUDIS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON AMBASSADOR DON FOLLOWS: HE WAS BORN IN 1929 AT SAIGON, AND GRADUATED FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION IN 1960. HE SERVED AS 2ND SECRETARY AT GVN EMBASSY IN ANKARA FROM 61-63, THEN AS CHARGE AT SAME POST 63-65. HE RETURNED TO SAIGON IN 1965 TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POST-DIEM GOVERNMENT. IN 1967 HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL IN THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT,
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THEN WENT TO KUALA LUMPUR WHERE HE SERVED AS COUNSELLOR OF

EMBASSY FROM 68 TO 70. IN 1970 HE BECAME COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY IN TOKYO, THEN HELD THE SAME POSITION AT THE GVN EMBASSY IN TAIPEI FROM 71-72. SINCE 1972, HE HAS BEEN IN SAIGON AS DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL AT THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

4. EMBASSY HAS NO BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON KIET.
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